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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Nancey J. Hammond  
Application No. : 09/153,994  
Filed : September 17, 1998  
For : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENHANCING RELIABILITY  
OF COMMUNICATION WITH ELECTRONIC MESSAGES

Docket No. : 660082.527M

Date : December 1, 1998

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated October 8, 1998, please find enclosed a Declaration, Election and Power of Attorney and Form PTO-1533 for the above-identified application.

Also enclosed is a General Authorization Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

The fees have been calculated as follows:

Basic Fee	\$ 760
Total Claims (38, 18 extra)	324
Independent Claims (6, 3 extra)	234
Missing Parts Surcharge	130
Total	\$ 1448

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1448 for the requisite fees. The

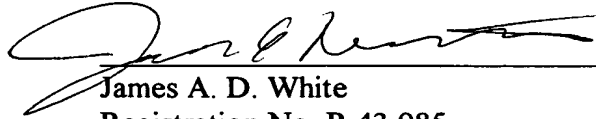
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Respectfully submitted,  
Nancey J. Hammond  
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Enclosures:

- Postcard
- Check \$1448
- Copy of this Response
- Declaration
- Election and Power of Attorney
- Copy of Assignment
- Copy of Form PTO-1533
- General Authorization Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)

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### NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

*Filing Date Granted*

An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE** within which to file all required items and pay fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the SURCHARGE set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of ☐ \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or ☐ \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

If all required items on this form are filed within the period set above, the total amount owed by applicant as a

☐ small entity (statement filed) ☒ non-small entity is \$ 1562

☐ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

- ☒ missing.  
☐ insufficient.

Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).

☐ 2. Additional claim fees of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, including any multiple dependent claim fees, are required.

\$ 246 for \_\_\_\_\_ independent claims over 3.

\$ 3964 for \_\_\_\_\_ dependent claims over 20.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

☒ 3. The oath or declaration:

- ☒ is missing or unexecuted.  
☐ does not cover the newly submitted items.  
☐ does not identify the application to which it applies.  
☐ does not include the city and state or foreign country of applicant's residence.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

☐ 4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☒ 6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

☐ 7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.

☐ 8. The application does not comply with the Sequence Rules.

See attached "Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules 37 CFR 1.821-1.825."

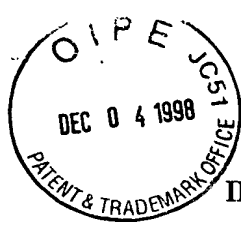
☐ 9. OTHER:

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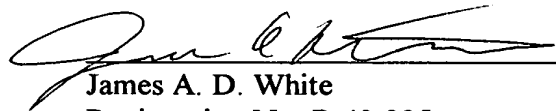
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GENERAL AUTHORIZATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)

Sir:

With respect to the above-identified application, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition therefor for the appropriate length of time. The Assistant Commissioner is also authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

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